

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4

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Remember the Birthday Celebration of the Church of God Evangel

Set for Next Sunday March 7, 1926--Just Sweet Sixteen

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

Text.—The Son of Man Came Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister.—Matt. 20:28

F. J. Lee

In olden times in Palestine the people wore sandals, this only protected the bottom of their feet from the stones in the road, but not from dust and dirt, that they would naturally collect on a journey over dusty roads.

The custom was to take their sandals off on entering a house and leave them at the door. Servants would usually bring water and wash the feet of the visitors.

At the last passover supper there were no servants to come around and wash Jesus' feet or even His disciples' feet. They doubtless had left their sandals at the door, and perhaps their feet were very dusty, but they had no one to furnish water and to wash their feet, and each of them was too proud to act as a servant for the rest.

They had already been in a wrangle, about who should sit with Jesus in the kingdom, they thinking that He was then ready to set up an earthly kingdom. They had already become lifted up with spiritual pride and of course would not think of humbling themselves enough to wash one another's feet.

"This is a servant's job and will be too humiliating for the apostles of our Great Captain to even think of taking a basin of water and bowing at the feet of another and washing his feet, no sir I am a minister of the gospel, and hundreds have been swayed under my ministry, and I cast out devils and heal the sick, I'm getting up a great reputation and it would be a disgrace to me if I should perform as humble a deed as to wash these men's feet, Peter and John may do it if they wish, but this I do not feel disposed to do."

Jesus knowing the very hearts and feelings of His disciples, at once instituted an ordinance that would have a tendency to humble them, not only humble them, but keep them humble as they practiced it from time to time.

Pride Killer.

After the supper was finished Jesus arises, takes a basin of water, then girds Himself with a towel and proceeds to wash His disciples' feet. Can you imagine their surprise? Doubtless everyone wished himself at some other place, but it was too late they must submit to the Master washing their feet. They doubtless let many thoughts run through their minds, what does this mean, the Lord, the Son of God, the King of glory, our Great Captain, the Creator of the universe washing our feet?

Peter felt that he could not have it this way, he would gladly have washed the feet of his Master, but he would not voluntarily have washed John's feet. So he rebelled at Jesus humbling Himself to wash his feet.

Jesus gave them to understand that they did not understand what He was intending to teach by His washing their feet, but that they would know later. Doubtless Jesus had reference to the time that Peter

should be filled with the Holy Ghost.

We know of thousands who were too proud to participate in the feet washing ordinance until after they received the Holy



Ghost then it became a pleasure to them.

Peter still was not willing to submit to the argument of Jesus when He stated that Peter didn't understand, but would later. Peter said, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." But said Jesus, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Then Peter submits, but goes too far, asking that his hands and head be washed also. Jesus gave him to understand that washing the hands and the head would not set forth the proper example.

After Jesus had finished washing their feet He sits down and proceeds to instruct them what He desired them to know. He said, "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

Happy Are Ye If Ye Do Them. Then said Jesus to them, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."

He had just said to them, "Know ye what I have done to you?" They knew that He had washed their feet. Now He instructs them, that if they know, or had understood what He had meant by His washing their feet, or by what spirit He did it, they would be happy if they also did it. Did they understand? Perhaps only partially. They of course understood that they should wash one another's feet. Peter who at first objected, might have said, Master do you not mean that we should do deeds of kindness to my fellow men? Jesus would have answered Do as I have done to you. v. 15. What had He done to them? Did He give them bread, or clothing, or perform some other kind deed for them? No, He only washed their feet and said to them that they should likewise wash one another's feet, and that if they did it, they would be happy.

Did He mean that anyone who washed feet would be happy? No, He told them that this did not apply to Judas, He says, "I speak not of you all." This shows that this can only

The State of Ohio

Its Needs and Probabilities

Laborers Are Needed in the Great Harvest Field

The question has so often been asked, Will the heathen be saved without the gospel?

Then the question comes back, to us in thundering tones will we be saved, if we refuse to give them the gospel?

Most every one will agree it is our duty to God and His command, to send the gospel to every creature, in all parts of the world. But before we as a State be at our best for foreign mission, we will have to wake up to the vast needs of our own State. When we see the needs of our own land and become burdened for our home, town, county, and State and push out and begin to work in the great field for God, it's then our zeal begins to broaden, and our love goes out to the lost souls in the foreign field.

Just here let me say Ohio is a great State, abounds in wealth.

The State of Ohio has every kind of a factory, from that of an aeroplane to a moon-shine still. In these factories are employed people of every kind, and sad to say most of them are without God. Among them we find many honest souls. We find many who will listen to the story of the cross.

It's sad to know that, but eleven per cent of the boys and girls of school age, ever go to Sunday school, 89 per cent of the school children in the State, never darken a church house door.

John 4:35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Our needs. The greatest need today in the State of Ohio, for the Church of God are laborers; men and women who can say, "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

We have in the State one of the best overseers that can be found. Our preachers are good, our churches are coming to the front for God and His work, yet it's every few days some good evangelist will ask me, where can I go to hold a meeting? Here I may be able to help some one in finding a location.

Wife and I are now at Archers Fork, O., where we have a good (Continued on page 2.)

be successfully carried out with the true spirit filled saints of God.

"Thou shalt know hereafter," doubtless referred to the time of their being sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. This experience would cause them to be humble, and would give to them a submissive and obedient spirit. It would also make them willing to be servants one of another, as Paul says "By love serve one another."

That man or woman who gets most out of feet washing is he who humbly, gladly and willingly enters it because he really, sincerely loves his brother.

They rejoice together because they realize that they are acting in obedience to the injunction of their Lord and Master. Let us remember the statement Happy are ye if ye do them.

PREPARE FOR THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR MARCH 7

F. J. Lee

Like yourself the Church of God Evangel has a birthday at a certain time each year. The certain time for the Evangel is the first of March. She will be sixteen years old. The celebration is set for March 7.

Though she is getting up in years she is not failing. Many people think that she is just as beautiful as ever, and she is just as religious as ever. She is bringing real comfort to many hearts. Many write, how they are blest by her coming.

Do You Get Your Paper?

The editor and publisher who is away in Florida requests that we insist on the ministers and workers making a thorough investigation to ascertain if everyone is getting his paper, he has at all times desired that every subscriber receive his paper.

It is true that some at different times have failed to get their paper, but almost invariably, on investigation the stencil is found in-tact which shows that the paper is going. The trouble is often at the other end of the line.

One Dollar at Present

The editor also authorizes me to announce that you may subscribe or renew your subscription during the birthday celebration at the price of one dollar.

Let me insist that every minister and worker take advantage of this proposition to get the paper into the home of every member, also to get subscribers outside the Church of God ranks. This would be a good way to get the gospel to the people.

Please remember March 7, next Sunday, is Birthday celebration. Now is the time to show your colors, interest and appreciation for your paper, the Church of God Evangel.

Encourage the Young People

BROOKWOOD, Ala.—I want to praise the dear Lord for saving and sanctifying me. I praise Him for the Church of God at Lois Chapel, Searles, Ala. We have a good Sunday school and the people are greatly interested in the work.

Thank God for men who preach the truth as it has been declared here. I believe if we older members will just keep praying and work for the Lord we can soon rejoice over the young people taking the work up for Jesus, and leading many into this beautiful way. We have some young ladies now who are living the life and are good Sunday school workers.

I thank God for the dear Evangel and for the wonderful Sunday school lessons which I have been reading in it. I am sure they are helpful to all who read them, and have been kept away from Sunday school as I have been lately on account of sickness.

Girls do your best in choosing a life companion, and boys take warning too. It is a hard road to travel with a sinner. Let's walk in the light and follow Jesus and help bring lost souls to the Saviour, who takes away all sin.

Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and do a greater work for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom than ever before.

Mrs. G. C. Church.

(The following is a selection sent in by Mrs. G. C. Church.)

"Are you a murderer?"

"You'll say you are not."

"What, you who are a respectable citizen and an upholder of law and order, commit the foul deed for which low-browed felons are hanged?"

"What, you with your high ethical sense, take a fellow creature's life?"

"What, you who sicken at the very sight of the red stain on a bandage, dip your hands in human blood?"

"The idea is so preposterous it is amusing."

"Nevertheless, are you a murderer?"

"You may never have shot a man, or stabbed a woman, or choked a child to death, and yet you may daily kill the thing that alone makes life worth living to those about you. To slay the body is the worst crime you can commit against an individual. It does not take long to die. The agony is over in a few minutes, but the spirit dies hard, and when you kill that you have to do it by slow torture."

"Therefore, I hold that the murderers who slay their victims quickly with shot or knife are a million times less cruel and deserving of punishment than those other murderers who break the hearts, and crush the souls of those whose happiness lies in their hands, and whom they doom to suffering through long years."

"Thou shalt not kill," is the first of the commandments God gave to man for his guidance, but it does not mean merely that we shall not take human life. It means that we shall not kill love, or faith, or hope, or ambition, for when we do we slay something far more precious than life itself."

"So I arraign you Mr. Good Man at the bar of conscience and ask you again, ARE you a murderer?"

"Have you killed the joy of living in your home?"

"When you married your wife was a gay, high-spirited girl, bubbling over with laughter. She sang all day long, just because she was so filled with gladness, and because she found the world so bright, and beautiful, and happy. Have you made of her a quiet, sad-faced woman whose eyes know tears oftener than her lips do smiles?"

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The Unused Talent

Every one has the Talent that will enable Him to live the Right Life if He will but use it

Carl Padgett

We have before us a clipping from a newspaper which we thought was good.

"Perhaps you have read of the latent powers which lie dormant within us or perhaps you have been pining and fretting because of your circumstances which you thought hindered you in the work of the Lord. Most of us give way to unfavorable circumstances, a few great souls rise above them."

"There is a genius for goodness for magnanimity, for self sacrifice as well as for creative art.—Lowell."

"He who in humility and sincerity does the right thing at the right time, in the right way, and everytime has more than talent and is more than a genius."

"This is meant with reference to things moral and spiritual. The exercise of the talent for doing good develops that talent just as the exercise of the talent for painting or literature, and the best of it is that along with its development comes increased desire to use it. There is no particular time for the use of this greatest of talents because it is not employed for the purpose of challenging the admiration of the thoughtless. He who possesses it does not have to wait for opportunity to come for such opportunity is always present in as much as the poor, the sick and the sinful, the grieved and the stricken are ever with us."

"It is not" as Willard B. Throp says,

"The man who saves his best for some good occasion who counts for most in the world, is the man who is doing his best all the time."

"The talent for perseverance, for continuous effort, for battling against discouragement; the talent which consisted in part at least of faith in God and in 'the power of His might,' which is aflame with desire and purpose to do good is greater than erratic or misguided genius in things material. It is better to hear the 'God bless you' of distress than, 'isn't he great' from the cold and indifferent; better the thanks and appreciation of one sufferer than hurrahs and admiration from a multitude of the thoughtless and care free."

John Ruskin says: "God is a kind father. He sets us all in the place where He wishes us to be employed and that employment is truly, 'our Father's business.' He chooses work for every creature which will be delightful to them if they will do it simply and humbly. He gives us always strength enough and sense enough for what He wants us to do. If we either tire or puzzle ourselves, it is our own fault."

"There are today too many who fail to realize that wherever they are, whatever position they hold, be it ever so humble, it is the Father's business, and needs to be done well; it must pass inspection when scrutinized by the supreme Overseer, and must be just work as will be fit for, that spiritual building, that home not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens."

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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POINTED SAYINGS

Arranged by E. L. Moore

"Remember it costs more to keep a good spiritual experience than it does to get it, for increased light, brings increased responsibilities."

"If you want to see souls blest preach the truth to them in full; and be possessor of the fruits; for a professor only, has no more backbone than a jelly-fish, or life than a tombstone."

"Be a practical demonstrator, show results of your teaching, rather than submit proof in argument."

"Some people will transact business with total strangers, without a fear, and entrust their lives to people they never see; as to passengers on trains trusting in the engineer. Yet, God is treated as a being wholly or almost unworthy of confidence or notice. He is interested in us and delights to help us in every time of need."

"Jesus is our strong tower, our refuge, our hiding place, 'there shall no evil befall thee,' our Lord sees the end from the beginning. He permits trials to teach us. What we might call evil, He over-rides with good."

"Let us not wait for a clear sky to see God; but see Him through adversities, hardships, disappointments, long-suffering, etc."

"There comes times in our lives, that we must make special effort to accomplish things; and it takes that to keep us going."

"It is easy to drift away (and swiftly we go) we turn away from the Saviour. There will be plenty to fall short without you or I, so we must strive for the very highest attainments in Christ, and be one of the wide awakes when the call is made."

"Don't go to the Lord, with hard-luck stories, 'Let your request be made known with thanksgiving.' The Lord is your joy and strength. —Bible."

"A successful surveyor will always be sure of the corner stone before starting out. Jesus is our corner stone, 'tried and true.'"

"The good things of life are for our enjoyment, but if permitted to take God's place they cease to be a blessing."

"Repentance is our duty, forgiveness is God's mercy. Until sin is put away by repentance, salvation can take no place in the heart."

"As the life and nature of Jesus are built up in the believer more and more, he will increase in knowledge and wisdom."

"The Bible is the most up-to-date book in the world. Its news is accurate and reliable. It relates news centuries ahead of time. It contained many things all these years, that is a new discovery by men. Read it and get advanced news."

"To fail in your duty to God brings disaster and ruin to your experience, and you will be

eternally lost unless you repent and do.

"It has been said that two 'I wills' seals a contract. Jesus says 'I will' so turn in your 'I will' and seal the contract and don't keep Him waiting so long."

"'Tis easy enough to be happy, When life flows along like a song."

But the man worth while, is the man that can smile, When everything goes wrong."

"Don't pray for rain until you are ready for it to come. Gather

in the hay, take in the laundry, finish sowing the garden."

"Don't be a critic, any body can be one; but it takes a blood-washed soul to get down to business for God."

"Prepare to meet thy God." We may disown Him as Father; we may reject Him as Lord; we may dethrone Him as King; we may refuse Him as Saviour; but we must meet Him as God."

"There is no sense so uncommon as common sense (these days.)"

NOTICES

ALABAMA

J. B. Ellis, Overseer

The work in Alabama is progressing nicely. We are in a meeting at Fosters Chapel now and the Lord is blessing. The saints are being greatly encouraged and there are many hungry hearts. We are praying for a break to come before we leave here bringing sinners in to the fold.

Revivals are in progress at other places with good results. All evangelist who desire to work in the State are given a hearty welcome. The field is wide enough for hundreds of us and are white unto harvest. The whole southern part of the State is practically untouched with only a small portion of the northern evangelized.

It will take men of courage, grit, backbone, and faith in God to accomplish anything. I will only vouch for one thing and that is, if you will furnish these, God will furnish all the grace you need and will supply all your needs.

My time is engaged as follows:

Hurricane church, March 21—April 4. Address R-7, Hefflin, Ala.

Pratt City church, April 4—April 18. Address, Pratt City, Ala.

Altoona church, May 16—May 30. Address Altoona, Ala.

Marengo, Ala., June 2—June 13. Address, Marengo, Ala.

State Camp Meeting I. H. Marks, in charge. Aug. 15—Aug. 29. Place to be arranged for. What church wants it. What will you do to get it at your place? A big tabernacle or tent will be needed. Plenty of camping ground, plenty of good water; should be on good public highway or near railway station. Let us hear from you at once. To my mind the camp should be located somewhere between Dora, Trafford, Boaz, and Anniston. We must have a sure enough camp meeting this year. I am ready for calls for meetings at the following dates.

April 18 to May 2.

May 2 to May 16.

June 13 to June 27.

June 27 to July 11.

July 11 to July 25.

July 25 to Aug. 3.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 12.

Sept. 12 to Sept. 26.

Sept. 26 to Oct. 10.

Any church, town, and community in the State can secure my services at the above dates. First calls, first served. Do not worry about finances. God will take care of that.

J. B. Ellis.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

F. J. Lee

On account of ill health Brother W. B. Davis has had to offer his resignation as State Overseer of the State of Virginia.

We regret very much that Brother Davis could not continue the oversight of the State, but will say that he has made a good overseer and we have had expressions from different members in the state, how they ap-

preciated his ministry. We sincerely hope that he will soon be well, and able to again become active in the Lord's work.

In casting about trying to decide who should succeed Brother Davis we at last settled on Brother John C. Jernigan. We corresponded with him and he has accepted the position.

We take this means to announce to the Church of God in Virginia that Brother Jernigan has been duly appointed as state overseer of Virginia to finish the unexpired term.

We bespeak success for the work in Virginia, since we know something of Brother Jernigan's ability as a minister. Please let every church give him a glad welcome and stand by him with your prayers and finance.

We will later announce his home address.

We want to make Easter Sunday, April 4, a great day at the church at Lindale, Ga. The Sunday school will give a special program that will be interesting and instructive from start to finish. Brother F. J. Lee has promised to be with us to do the preaching. We are expecting him to be with us Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. We invite the saints of Berryton, Dalton, Calhoun, and any others that can, to come and let's make it a good day for blessing and praising God. We are expecting every member of the Lindale and Rome churches to be present. Let's go.

S. J. Heath, Pastor.

To the Churches in Alabama: I am in receipt of a letter from our dear Brother and State Overseer, J. B. Ellis. I want to rehearse a few words contained in this personal letter to me, which touched my heart.

"Up to present date have only received \$40.00 from the State this month. I sure am in bad shape now; can't pay my grocery bill. I have been working some to pay expenses. Will leave in the morning on foot to visit the churches; haven't a penny to pay carfare."

Now Brother Ellis may not want me to say what I have but something must be done. I took the letter to the church this morning showed to Brother Rouse who is engaged in a revival at Carbon Hill, Ala., at present, then I read it to the church, after which Brother Rouse with big tears in his eyes took up an offering amounting to \$8.39 cash and the promise of more. One Brother said he would give \$5.00. Brother Rouse told them he wanted \$25.00 by Monday night.

Now suppose each church take an offering for this worthy brother and send it to him and do it now and help him to stay on the field. The church needs his good preaching. Come on brothers and open your hearts and pocket books. Don't be afraid that you will not receive any more money, God will bless you with more. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, as Bud Robinson said, "The potatoes in the hill."

Now come on brothers don't hold back lest God let the cattle all die and the "taters" rot. Come on, come on with an offering about once a month. Clyde Dodds, Carbon Hill, Ala.

It is my intention to devote most of my time to the evangelistic work. Any one desiring my assistance in the State of Ohio, write me at 431 E. Frank-

lin St., Circleville, Ohio.
Ebba Wagner, Evangelist.

Any one knowing the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother and Sister A. M. Rease, please notify Mrs. Clyde Alvord, Box 129, Manatee, Fla.

I am now located in Blytheville, Arkansas. If there is any one that wishes to write me, can hear from me by writing me at Blytheville.

Jesse Danehower.

Now is the time to begin sending your order for Sunday school literature for the second quarter. The clerk usually takes the order from the book in order as they have been booked, so if you should wait until dozens of orders are before yours, you might wonder why your order is delayed. So let me insist that you send your order at once.

This is to notify all who subscribed to help build the new Church of God Tabernacle at Wimauma, Fla. All who subscribed to pay in six months, the payments are now due and we will be glad to hear from you any time. This is not a dun but a reminder and trust you will take it that way.

Sam T. Wadsworth, Secretary and Treasurer, Wimauma, Florida.

CORRECTION

In Evangel dated Feb. 20 in the orphanage report notice that the church at Cincinnati, Ohio, is credited for \$3.25, and should have read \$8.00.

REQUEST

J. L. Burt, of Finleyson, Ga., requests prayer for the healing of his son, also pray that the writer may be reclaimed.

DESIRES TO GET CLOSER TO GOD

CARTERS, Ga.—I am very thankful for the opportunity of praising the Lord through the Church of God Evangel. He has done so much for me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost about five years ago. Although I haven't lived as close to the Lord as I should, I am expecting to live closer in the future. I thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I have witnessed some wonderful healings and I know He is able to heal.

Although I haven't been healed myself but have been relieved, I have been sick for over a year and would like to be healed. I ask the prayers of everyone who reads this that I might be healed. I am not a member of the Church of God, and I want all to pray that I may be healed so I may be able to go and become a member of the Church of God.

Trusting that the next letter I write to the Evangel, I can testify to being healed. — Effie Robertson.

HOLY GHOST A WONDERFUL GIFT

LADONIA, Texas. — I have just finished reading the Evangel. It does my soul good to read the good letters from the saints in different parts of the world. God is so wonderfully blessing people everywhere.

When Jesus was here He could only be in one home at a time, but since He has sent the Comforter in His stead, everyone, just who ever will, may have Him. Praise His dear name. Almost eleven years ago I tarried until the Holy Ghost came in and dear saints I have never been sorry of it. I count it the most wonderful thing any one can possess.

Callie Gilliam.

-NOTICE-

CAMP MEETING

The CHURCH OF GOD
CAMP MEETING WILL CON-
VENE AT

Ft. Myers, Florida

April 15 - 25, 1926. D. V.

Encourage the Young People

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Have you killed her joy in living?

"When your key rattles in the latch of an evening when you return from work, does sudden strained silence fall upon the house? Do the children hush their prattle and stop their play? Does everyone in the household cringe when you speak, as a whipped dog does when it expects a blow, because experience has taught them that you always blame and never praise? Have you killed the joy of living for your children so that their one idea of happiness is to get away from home?"

"What say you, Mr. Good Man? Do you plead guilty, or not guilty?"

THE STATE OF OHIO

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church: a better bunch of saints we have never met. They are true blue. Brother Moss is their pastor, and he seems to be the right man in the right place.

About twenty miles from here to Marietta, Ohio, we have a church, with no other church along the Ohio River in this State to the Penn. line, a distance of about seventy-five miles from Marietta, O., to Ironton, O. A distance of about 150 miles with a number of good towns, and not a church of God in any of them. From Ironton to Cincinnati, a distance of about 135 miles with no Church of God.

So my dear brother evangelist you have along the Ohio River, alone in our own State about 360 miles of good rich field of harvest, with only three churches along the line; a distance of 120 miles apart. Sixty miles of elbow room on either side to spare.

Ironton church has, I think, eleven preachers. Six of them in actual service for God and three are out of the State leaving one pastor at home and two on the field.

What we need along the Ohio River, we need all over the State, is for our preacher, to just simply go out in the field for our God, and His church, and begin to reap the golden grain for Him. Then we can present to Headquarters a number of churches on fire for God and hear the great King say in the last day, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

It is probable and possible for the ten evangelists from Ironton church to go out by twos, along the Ohio River, and in some of the good towns hold revivals; and between now and Oct. 1, set five churches in order. The writer and his warden are going to make a drive for two of the five.

Probabilities look good in the State of Ohio for this year better than ever before. If we as ministers in the great Church of God fail to reach out and grasp the opportunity that is now awaiting us, we will fall and come short in the great day of reward.

Probabilities are for the Church of God to reap a rich

THE UNUSED TALENT

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life if he will but use it, that will enable him to let his 'light so shine before men,' that they may see his good works and glorify his Father in Heaven. Such a life is the greatest life for the reason that it is the most useful and it is helpful because it is more effective in spreading happiness among men for whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name *** shall not lose his reward. (Now listen at these words and perhaps we will profit by them.)

"Chapin says, 'The true man never frets about his place in the world but just slides into it by the gravitation of his nature and swings there as easily as a star.'

"Too many imagine they have to be in a high position in order to do good. The man who works in a sewer does a work that is as necessary as he who is mayor of a city. Indeed the health and happiness of a people are perhaps more dependent upon the work of the humble man in the ditch. Archbishop Trench says:

"Thou comest not to thy place by accident; it is the only place God meant for thee, and Rutherford says:

"Just where you stand in the conflict there is your place; another has said:

"Get ready for better things or by refusing to do so you prepare for worse ones."

"Let those who have thought they had no talent use that greatest of all talents and use it, 'with all the might, use it as unto the Lord.' Time nor eternity can ever know the grief it might have assuaged the distress it might have relieved, the hate that might have been supplanted with love, the sorrow that might have given way to joy, had the unused talent been used faithfully by all who possessed it. 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.'"

I don't know how spiritual this editor was, but this is a good sermon for us to ponder over and pray over this coming week.

The Lord bless you.

harvest in the State this year. Let the saints everywhere join us in earnest prayer for God to lay on the hearts of the good preachers in this State, the great need, and then help them to see the wonderful probabilities that lay at our door.

Oh! God help each preacher to see and then work as never before. When each one sees and feels our own needs, we will then realize the needs in the foreign fields as never before.

May God bless these few lines and help our home preachers to see the needs and probabilities in our own State.

J. B. Simons,
Ironton, Ohio.

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BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

A Student From Louisiana

I thank God for being permitted to attend the Church of God Bible School. I had heard of the school and had seen the students take their places on the program for three Annual Assemblies in succession, and each time, my heart was sad. I cried and looked forward to the time when I could give my entire time to His service and attend the school.

To give up my position and my business opportunity was too hard until Jesus helped me, but the first week with our studies, music, singing, and seven prayers daily, I was made to feel like the Queen of Sheba when she visited Solomon, "The half was not told me," and that half is the unseen part that is obtainable, enjoyable, but inexpressible. Thank the Lord.

A view of the condition of the world today with its numerous wheels of industry incessantly buzzing to serve heightened, ever-going, never-satisfied, man (woman). In his on-rush (he knows not what toward nor the reason why) he loses sight of God, forgets Him and the Devil poisons his mind and appetites, to where he believes in the evolution of man (Devilation) and many other damnable doctrines and theories; his appetites call for intoxicated liquors, other hurtful drinks, and diabolical conduct. I wonder if claiming to be descendants or cousins to the lower animals isn't rather an excuse for such beastly performances of today. The leading articles in the magazines recently tell of "leading church men?" trying to dethrone prohibition. This, with the many strange doctrines, teachings and practices show the laxity and indifference of professed Christians. Even some Holy Ghost filled people are becoming powerless and less active. I'm sure Satan would like for every one to get too busily engaged in something else besides worshipping God while he just takes each soul as it is ushered out into eternity.

O, how we need to get close to Jesus and to KNOW HOW to RIGHTLY DIVIDE the simple truths of God's Word, in an intelligent way, that we may be able by the anointing of the Holy Ghost to convince the gain-saying world and to lead many to Christ. Truly the Bible School is the place of training for this great work. What shall I liken the Bible School to? It is a well disciplined home, a university, a musical conservatory, an altar, with its heavenly atmosphere, a real camp meeting. There is nothing greater in or out of the Church of God. God is blessing this part of His great work. Louisianans, to be here 'tis sweeter than sugar-cane lasses. School will soon be out and we will be scattered, North, South, East and West, so we (some of the students are to rise an hour earlier than usual and spend the time in prayer beginning Feb. 25 for the advancement of His cause. Please pray for the Bible School.

A student—J. H. Walker.

A Student From Maryland

Some one said, "We're in the ship of Zion." Very well, and we wish to inform you that we are not sea sick.

We have arrived to the fifth month of school. Plans are now being made for the closing program and while we know it will make us sad to say goodbye to the people and city we've learned to love so well, we are all anxious for the time to come that we can get back on the firing line.

And look out Mr. Devil. We almost feel like we will be able to feed him on fire and brimstone for a while. Some might think six months spent in school would make preaching, praying and singing seem strange to us

but let us expound unto you the way of the Bible School more perfectly: We pray six times a day, have two periods for singing and the preachers spend Saturday and Sunday at different places preaching. We have street services, visit the prisoners, sit up with the sick, attend the regular services and on time when the bell rings for school.

So we refuse to be convinced of another place being like this, this side of heaven.

I didn't think I could be satisfied to stay six months here in school but the Lord showed me in such a way, I was afraid to leave, while I couldn't see any way to stay. Now I don't only mean to stay until the last day of this term but I am planning to be here the next term. D. V.

It rains, snows, and freezes in Tennessee and some days the sun shines but it never gets cloudy in the school room. The latter rain falls sometimes and the sunlight of God's love fills the place around us.

When Brother Payne says, "Amen" the 16th night of April, it will be like Samson's foxes. We're going to run through the fields where the devil's false doctrine is growing and his lies having full sway and burn it with the Word.

Yours in preparation for service,

Josephine Walker.

A Student From Louisiana

We find in Eccl. 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

I'm so glad that when only a child I learned to love and fear the Lord. On the night of May 10, 1918 the dear Lord sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and I have been enjoying His presence ever since. I have never found a lion on this beautiful highway or anything to frighten or discourage a Christian.

When Peter was walking on the water, as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus he walked over the waves safely, but when getting his eyes on the things around him he began to sink and had to cry for help. If we will keep our eyes on Jesus and not on people or discouragements we will walk safely over the billows of time.

David was a man after God's own heart and he told us in Psalms 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

For several years my heart's desire has been to attend the Bible School and thank the dear Lord He has heard and answered my prayers and I am here enjoying the time of my life. You can read about the school and think about it, but unless you attend you can never realize the sweet fellowship and love and sacred feeling we have. Some think we praise the school too much but I am persuaded to believe if you would come and see you would exclaim as did the Queen of Sheba, "The half has never been told."

When David was mentioning the benefits of the Lord, I am quite sure had he been permitted to attend the Church of God Bible School he would have mentioned it with the other great things. I think there is no better place in the world for people, (especially young folks) that want to live for God than in the Bible school. Many come to this school who never intend to be ministers but just want to know more about God's Word.

Some people picture the devil as some ugly being having horns and split feet and a long tail but it is not always in this form that he appears; nor even as a roaring lion for sometimes he comes as an angel of light trying to deceive the people, making himself to be some great person. This is the way he gets more trapped than any

other way.

Therefore we should know the Scripture so that we may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil.

As we know in the last days perilous times shall come. It behooves us as Christians to have on the whole armour of God. We have a description of the armour in Eph. 6:11-17.

By the grace of God and His power I mean to keep striving until I reach the goal.

All who read this pray that I may be able to attend the next term of Bible School.

Annie Lee Walker.

Jesus is Coming Back

NEWTON, Ga.—I praise my Saviour for His goodness to me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with evidence according to Acts 2:4. I also praise Him for His great healing power. I have five little children with wife and myself that He heals when we are sick.

I want the saints everywhere to pray for the work at this place as the enemy is raging. I have lost souls on my heart and want to do something for my Saviour for I feel that He is soon coming back to this world again, and oh, how sad it will be to those who have no oil in their vessels.

J. T. Harris.

Successful Revival

We have just closed a revival at Logan, W. Va. The meeting was in progress when I arrived and I preached about two weeks. The weather was unfavorable and the devil worked, but in spite of all God gave victory.

I believe nine claimed the baptism with the Holy Ghost and some others saved and sanctified. The last night of the meeting there were twelve who stood up that had received experience in the meeting.

Among the number saved and sanctified was an old man seventy-one years old. It always does our hearts good to see old people get converted for we know that their days are short here.

They have a good church at Logan and a large brick building and it paid for. Wife and I are now at Barnabus, began a revival last night; victory seems to be just ahead.

John C. Jernigan.

Going Hand in Hand— Fighting on Battlefield

As the Lord has done so much for me I feel like testifying for Him through the Evangel.

On Aug. 3, 1919, God marvelously saved my husband and I. Husband having been reared in a family of infidels, but thank God because He can change an infidel's mind and also his heart. On August 17, the Lord wonderfully sanctified our hearts with His precious blood and on Aug. 19, we were baptized in water.

As we walked the narrow way, on Thanksgiving Day Jesus baptized us with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord, it is wonderful. In March 1922 we were added to the dear old Church of God pillar and ground of the Truth.

I praise the Lord because he called us both at the same time, and we have gone through hand in hand with our minds stayed on Him. We have been on the battlefield fighting against sin over 4 years and have seen many saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed.

I, too, can witness to the great healing power of God. In the fall 1922, I was marvelously healed of a tumor. Last summer I was stricken down with appendicitis and the people were stirred because we had no doctor. Some of them sent a doctor, he said my appendix had ruptured and blood poison had set in. He also said I would not live until dark unless an operation was performed. But glory to God, Jesus came to my rescue and in two weeks I took an auto trip of 400 miles. When Jesus heals he leaves no after affect but does it right. We have been healed so many times it would take too long to tell it.

Pray for us that we may stay in the straight and narrow way. Your little sister in the Lord, Mrs. C. W. Florence, Delbarton, W. Va.

STATE CONVENTION MIAMI, FLORIDA

(Report of Colored Work in Florida.)

We thank God for the State Convention which convened at Miami, Fla., Jan. 18-24. He blessed us in a marvelous way. The convention was grand. Love and unity prevailed the entire time and it seemed as if heaven had come down to earth with us.

We have had a week of feasting; songs, prayers, testimonies, teachings, and preaching mingled with the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit. We can not describe the good this convention has been to us.

We were glad to have so many of the saints with us from different parts of the State as it is the tourist season we were not expecting so many, but were surprised to see so many turn loose their jobs and come and enjoy the great feast that we have had. Praise the Lord.

Every service was witnessed with the presence of the Lord. Each subject was delivered with demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Truly the Lord is leading us.

Interpretations were given that we should be more humble, that the Lord was calling us to a deeper consecration, and that He will lead if we will follow Him. Praise His name.

We enjoyed having Brother E. L. Simmons with us some during the convention. He gave us some interesting thoughts in his discourse. Also Brother Lemons was with us one night and talked on "Unity". We truly thank God for His church and the fellowship, unity and oneness. We are anxious for John 17 to be fulfilled, the prayer of our blessed Lord that we should be one as His Father and He are one.

We were also glad to have Brother T. A. Sears with us. He was delighted to be with us. He is enroute to Jamaica to take up his work, there. We wish to ask all to remember him and the work in Jamaica.

In conclusion, our State Convention was a great success, our orphanage and school funds are increasing. We have purchased some land at Eustis and want to build and have our work started soon. We want to ask all the saints and friends to help us in this great work, as we are determined to make it a success. Do your bit and help us in this worthy cause. You may send donations to 629 3rd Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla., c/o David LaFleur, or to Rt. 5, Bx. 32, Jacksonville, Fla., c/o C. F. Bright, our State Treasurer. Send your name and address and we will send you a receipt and give credit for same. We have raised a little over one thousand dollars.

We are planning to have minutes of the Convention, and in it you will see just what we have done and are doing. Pray for us and God will bless.

Yours in Christ, — David LaFleur, Overseer of Colored Work.

Having a Good Time— Working For Jesus

SOUTH GASTONIA, N. C. — While sitting here by my fire-side trying to study my Bible and Sunday school lesson I feel that it would be well to testify through the Evangel. The first thing I want to praise God for is victory just now, I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and my body healed. I am glad that I can trust God with my body as well as my soul.

I have been a member of the Church of God at Gastonia for about three months but I feel that is just where I ought to have been all the time. Praise God. I have been in several churches but never was satisfied until now, bless God forever. I am having a good time helping in prayer meetings, praying for the sick and seeing them healed. Praise God. I feel like going on and holding up the blood stained banner for my Saviour when I see the great works of our God.

I have lived a sanctified life for about eight years, and a little over a year ago God sent the Comforter into my soul. Praise God, for the sweet Holy Ghost with Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as

the Spirit gives the utterance. I feel more like preaching the Word this morning than ever as I have had an awful burden on my heart for lost souls. I feel like there is a great work for us to do and I mean to do all I can to help people to God.

I want to thank God too for blessing us here at Gastonia. We have a good pastor, J. M. Snyder and also a good assistant pastor, Brother Calet, who brought a wonderful message last night and the power fell and we were wonderfully blessed. Praise God. I still feel the effects of it now. The Church of God just suits me. Pray that God may use me to His Glory.

D. E. McDonald.

TWENTY ADDED TO THE CHURCH

DAYTON, Tenn.—I praise God for saving me when I was in sin, sanctifying me by His precious blood that was shed on Calvary's tree and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I am also a member of the Church of God and mean to stand true to it.

The Lord is blessing wonderfully at this place. Brother John Burk is our pastor. We received about twenty into the church last Sunday night. I thank God for sending Bro. Burk here, as he is a faithful pastor.

I desire your prayers.

Carl White.

Over The Top For Jesus

GASTONIA, N. C. — I have been impressed for some time to testify through the Evangel, the paper I love so well, I don't see how I could do without it, for it is food for my soul, to read all the good testimonies of how the Lord is blessing, and how He is healing the sick.

I am glad this morning finds me still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and trusting the Lord for my healing. Praise His dear name!

I am glad that the days of miracles have not passed; for we are seeing some wonderful healings take place here in Gastonia. Even the dead have been raised. I am glad that we are trusting a God that can do all things. We have a band of saints who are standing four-square for the Church of God. We also have a good pastor, Brother J. M. Snyder, who is standing by the work and doing all he can for God and His church and we are very proud of him.

We have something else to be thankful for and that is our State Overseer, Brother Roy E. Blackwood and glad to know that he is making his headquarters in Gastonia, for he stops often, and preaches for us sometimes, and the Lord sure does bless him in giving out the message.

We too, have a good Sunday school, and the people attend rain or shine. All who read this pray for us at this place, that we may do what the Lord would have us do.

Mrs. S. J. Glenn,
208 S. Ransom, St.
Gastonia, N. C.

No Sugar Coated Message

POPULAR CREEK, Miss. — This morning my heart is broken with the thought of the lost souls of this world, as I look out on this sin-cursed world and see the devil working in so many ways to deceive the very elect if possible.

Dear friends it behooves us to be ready and have our lamps trimmed and burning when He comes after us. If we do not have the oil in our vessels we will go down to a devil's hell. I want to state that I am still on fire for God and His church.

I want to report a little work at Bethany about three miles south of Poplar Creek. Our pastor, Brother E. L. Wright came and preached for us Saturday night and Sunday morning after Sunday school, also Sunday afternoon at Brother Palmertree's home and at church Sunday night. I'll say to the glory of God, the Lord surely blessed him as he gave out the Word.

He explained the Church very clearly and told the people how to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He didn't sugar-coat his sermons to get members, he just preached the truth. He is sowing the seed and cultivating them and some time in the future they will be reaped. Many have seen the light on the Church but will not turn loose of the world.

I feel burdened for this place. Pray for the souls here that they will consecrate everything to the Lord and accept His Word.

Your humble brother and sister,
G. L. Varnes and wife.

DISTRICT PASTOR REPORTS VICTORY IN NORTH ALABAMA

ANNISTON, Ala.—As Brother J. B. Ellis has appointed me as district pastor of the Tusculum district I will write a short report.

I have recently returned from a trip to North Alabama. Have just closed an eight days meeting at Sunny Side Church. Brother I. B. Wilkison, of Anniston, was with me and did some of the preaching. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. The church was made stronger.

Brother C. N. Goins was appointed as clerk, and Brother Homer Gorgis as deacon. I believe the church is in as good shape as I have ever seen it. They are working good and paying their tithes very good. The sinners are good to help too.

I expect to go to Town Creek soon, so pray that God will bless in the work.

P. W. Hackney, Pastor.

REVIVAL AT DAYTON, TENN.

This day, Feb. 10, I want to praise the dear Lord for the way He is blessing here in Dayton, Tenn.

Eighteen were saved and sanctified, twenty-six filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty came into the Church of God in the past two weeks.

John Burk, Pastor and Dist. Pastor.

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He Will Care For His Own

HEADRICK, Okla.—Jesus is the light of the world, have faith and believe and obey God's word and He will heal you. Bless His dear name. I was taken sick last night so I told the dear Lord if He would heal me I would give Him all the praise, and that I would testify for Him through the dear old Church of God Evangel. My wife asked me if I had one of the papers and I told her I didn't so she got one and put it on me and in 15 minutes I was easy and sleeping and slept sound all night. He has healed me many times.

In 1918 we had the flu, seven of us at one time, and we all trusted the Lord and He brought us through. Bless His dear name and ever since that time we have trusted our souls and bodies to the dear Lord. He will take care of His own. I am not a member of the Church but a full believer in all of its teachings and believe in paying tithes, as the Lord said the tenth was His.

As I write tonight my dear wife was taken sick about two hours ago. I will ask all the saints to pray for her. She is a member of the Church of God. She also has had eye trouble for over a year. So I earnestly desire the prayers of all of God's saints that her eyes may be healed. Also pray for me and my children that we might be saved before it is too late. May God bless all is my prayer.

L. M. Lemaster.

To God Be All The Glory

I want to give thanks to God for healing me of a terrible sick spell I had the last of December. I trusted in medicine for awhile but after seeing and believing that the medicine had failed to heal me, Brother Anderson of Alcoa, Tennessee, our pastor at Sevierville, Tennessee, came in and prayed for me, and immediately God removed the pain from around my heart and I was immediately healed, also had a nervous chill and God healed me of all my sufferings and I was able after Brother Anderson prayed for me to go up to the fire and sit down, and able to do four washings the following week. I also thank God that we have a pastor with us that has power through God to aid us in sickness.

I am giving this testimony to the Glory of God.
Margaret Lowe,
Sevierville, Tenn.

Healed of Pneumonia

I want to thank the Lord for healing our boy of pneumonia. The Lord is so good and merciful to us and to all who will trust in Him. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cries." Ps. 40:1. The saints prayed earnestly here for him, and I also sent a handkerchief to Headquarters to be anointed and when we received the handkerchief he was better. We placed it on him and kept praying and God healed his body. Although it was a week and a half after his fever left him that he could not walk at all, so we just continued to wait patiently upon the Lord and now he is well and can't tell by his looks that he had ever been sick. Thank the Lord.

Pray for us that we will ever be able to trust in a God like this, for it is truly wonderful what He can do for all who put their trust in Him.

A sister in Jesus.
Mrs. Roy E. Blackwood,
Tomnolen, Miss.

Trusting the Lord

LEWIS CHAPEL, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord this evening for what He is to me. He has blessed me wonderfully. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost and I am determined

to go all the way with my blessed Saviour.

Also praise Him for His healing power. He healed my body when I had suffered with my back for a number of years. The other day I suffered so that I didn't think I could bear it much longer. I remembered in the Evangel where so many spoke of being healed through laying the paper on in the name of Jesus. We did this and I was immediately healed. I promised the Lord that if He would heal me I would testify through the paper. So I feel led to tell it this morning.

I love the great Church of God because I know without a doubt that it is right.

It means something to trust the Lord and it also means something to go to heaven. I mean by the help of the Lord to sit steady in the boat, and serve the Lord the best that I can. Pray for me.—Dollie Shubird.

Instantly Healed By God's Power

NEW PORT, N. C.—I know God can heal. I was taken with a severe pain in my right side one morning about the break of day and the saints came and prayed for me. The dear Lord would bless but I would not get any better so they held to the Lord and prayed six hours, and when the victory came it came by laying the Evangel on me. When the Evangel struck me the power of God fell and I was instantly healed of that pain and I am praising the dear Lord for it. I am suffering with rheumatism now and have been suffering about eight months. For fifteen days I have been confined to my bed and can't do anything at all, so everyone pray that the dear Lord will heal me of rheumatism.
M. O. Salton.

NEWBURN, Va.—I wish to sound a note of praise to God through the Evangel. This leaves me still trying to get to heaven. I thank God for His saying and keeping power and also for the wonderful healing power. He is so good to us to heal our bodies from time to time. He has helped me so much both soul and body. I also thank Him for healing my dear little children and wife. Two of my children have had the whooping cough and the Lord has been with them so that they are not bothered much about it. Thank the Lord. I am so glad that I know the great physician, the sympathizing Jesus. I know if we live as we should that Jesus will never fail to answer our prayers. If we keep his commandments whatsoever we ask Him we will receive it.

Let us all pray hard for the world wide revival and more of reality toward God. Please remember me in your prayers.
R. Sheffey Lyons.

PRAISES GOD FOR HEALING POWER

HERRIN, Ill.—A few weeks ago I was taken with pains in my body so severe that I nearly died, and I promised God if He would heal me I would tell about it through the Evangel. I suffered for two weeks, but the Lord healed me. Up until now and for two days I've been feeling a little reminder pain in my side so I thought before it got me down, I had better fulfill my promise.

Saints pray for me that I will always be in the center of God's will.—Emily Taylor.

COULD NOT SEE WITHOUT GLASSES

MINT, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. My eyes were in such a condition that I could not see without glasses and on Jan. 7, 1926, Brother Rouse prayed for me and they were healed. I thank and praise God for it. I have been a member of the Church of God since 1920.
Mrs. Glennie Dalley.

Good News From South Carolina

By E. M. Ellis, State Overseer
I want to sound a note of praise to my heavenly Father this morning for the way He is blessing in the State of South Carolina. We have been having a hard fight for the past fifteen months, and still in a hot battle as to that, but the enemy is on the retreat; and the Lord has a band of loyal soldiers doing their best to establish the Church of God and its teachings everywhere.

At Ware Shoals we have a happy band of saints with Bro. McCallie as pastor. Although they have been thrown out of a building to worship in, they still have the victory and are stringing the town.

Bro. Powell is holding the fort at Belton and the prospects are bright for the church.

Bro. Chasteen has been having a tremendous battle at Pelzer, but the true blue saints of God are settling down for Him and His church and souls are being brought to the fold of Christ.

Brother and Sister Hanvey are doing a fine work at Anderson. They have bought a nice little church building there with the help of Brother Chasteen, and the work is moving along nicely.

Piedmont has had a terrible shock from the enemy, but I hear the Lord is blessing and they are moving right along with Bro. Harris as pastor.

Bro. Ed Johnson is giving the devil the black eye at Walhalla, and Brother Pearson is on his job at the country church of Walhalla. They have a church building at each of these places.

Blacksburg is coming to the front with Brother White as pastor. They have just gone into a new building in a good location, and the saints are on fire for God.

Hickory Grove is taking on new life and they are delighted with their new pastor. (Brother Chambers.) Bro. Chambers is also pastor at Rock Hill and they are all glad to have him there. As he began to pick the guitar and sing, "I believe I'll go Back Home," the power of God fell and the saints of God rejoiced. Some accused him of making this song up while he was in Okla., and thinking of his old home State, "South Carolina." Anyway we were just as proud to see him coming back as he was to get back.

The church is gaining ground at Lando, with Brother J. C. Childers as pastor. They have just completed a new church building there and the saints are shouting the victory. Bro. Childers is a hustler for the Lord.

Bro. Heaton is in charge of the East Side work. He writes the Lord is blessing at that place.

I hear the work is moving along nicely at Earls, with Bro. Green as pastor.

Bro. Tollison is still fighting the devil in Columbia, and the prospects are good there.

Bro. Brooks is making good at Winsboro, and they are planning to build a church soon. Also there is a colored church there and Bro. Boyd is looking after this work. The prospects bid fair for the colored work in Winsboro and if they could get a colored brother to drop in and have a revival no telling what could be done.

Of course the devil is doing his best to overthrow the work in Greenville, but bless the Lord our God is more than a match for him, and we are going on shouting the victory while he is grumbling and growling.

We have erected five new church buildings in the State in the past 15 months, and I believe with all my heart that the people are getting more firmly fixed for God and His church than ever before. Come on pastors, deacons, evangelists, and laymen, let's take South Carolina for the Lord, and have something to shout over throughout eternity.

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93 Years Of Age Farewell Message

I feel like this morning God wants a little one like me to lift up my feeble voice and help hold up the standard of King Jesus, the Lord of lords and King of kings.

I have been standing in the way and trying to serve my maker for many long years, first joining the old Dunkard Order where I lived a consistent life to their faith and practice until a few years ago, another organization came there known as Brethren in Christ, preaching sanctification and holiness. I thought they were higher up the spiritual ladder than were the former, which in fact they were. So to walk in the light of God's Word as it shined before me I joined the latter where I remained until Brother E. J. Hanks came to Riverhill, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; continuing steadfastly in the apostles word and doctrine. And though I am 93 years old I never heard such preaching as the people who are filled with the Holy Ghost do.

Again the Spirit began to move on me to get on higher ground and bless God's holy name I didn't confer with flesh and blood but was obedient to the heavenly vision, and now I am added to the Church of God that Christ gave Himself to sanctify and cleanse with the washing of water by the word. Eph. 5:26.

Some folks don't understand why we jump from one organization to another, they call us runabouts, turn coats, etc., but Paul exhorts us to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Christ. 2 Pet. 1:5-10, commands us to give all diligence; to add to our virtue knowledge; to make our calling and election sure; to prove all things and hold fast that which is good.

No wonder Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet, as he looked down the ages of time and foresaw the condition of the Churches having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. His words have been made true in my soul as He said, "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and has scattered thy ways to the strangers." Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you; and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jer. 3:13-15.

Would to God, all preachers and teachers would tarry for the Holy Ghost. He would lead and guide them into all truth and bring to their remembrance all things whatsoever He hath said unto them. Again as Jeremiah was calling for true repentance, we hear him saying: Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. 6:16.

There is rest for our souls in the Bible way. Let God be true and every man a liar. Although many say, we will not walk therein, yet God will bless no other way. I know it is the persecuted way; it is not popular nor grand, yet as in Paul's day the harder, the proud, high headed, mockers and scoffers oppose it, the faster it spreads.

I am thankful to God that He was so merciful and kind to let me live to learn the more excellent way; the Church of the true and living God, coming in power and great glory, endowed with power from on high, to worship God in Spirit and in truth, ready to go up at morning or midnight call. Glory, hallelujah. The one that is neither ashamed nor afraid to declare all the counsel of God.

Yes, dear brethren and sisters I have found the Highway of Holiness, have given my all to God and while I am feeble, blind and almost helpless, naturally, yet I am strong in the Lord and feel I have just boarded the old ship of Zion that will soon carry me home. I have passed four score and ten years and trust the Lord will give me

the Holy Ghost before He calls me away.

I have been praying and meditating about the Holy Ghost and what He would do for us when He came; for the doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost was new to me. One morning before getting up it seemed to me that Christ stood by my bed and talked to me and it seemed so real I felt that I could reach out and touch Him; and He said to me, the Holy Ghost is the power of God, given to be in us. At the breakfast table I was telling of my revelation when my niece began praising God and saying, "Amen, it is true God has been with you of a truth for the Spirit and the word agree." And then she read to me Jno. 14:17 and Acts 1:8 and now I am asking God for His seal. 2 Cor. 1:21, 22, also Eph. 1:13, 14.

Holy brethren and sisters this is my first and last time that I will greet you by letter but I trust by God's grace we will shortly meet on yonder's shore where redemption's story never grows old, and where we shall know as we are known.

My parting prayer for the brotherhood of the Church of God is, "What your hand findeth to do, do with all your might." The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Rom. 13:12.

Your sister,
Mrs. Emily Smith,
Sylvatus, Va.

The Lord Blessing On Texas Plains

BROWNFIELD, Texas.—We certainly thank God for His goodness to us here on the plains. We have just closed another meeting here which only lasted about two weeks, there were about twelve saved, eight sanctified and nine received the Holy Ghost. I think during the month of January there have been eighteen saved, thirteen sanctified and twelve received the Holy Ghost. The weather was cold part of the time, snow on the ground but some folks came in wagons, horse back and cars. The first of the meeting was a battle but on Sunday night the 31 the meeting lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning. Wife preached that night, the power fell, the Spirit sang through one of the brethren and several came to the altar, seven of which received the Holy Ghost. Then was some shouting, dancing and a glorious time. We expect to receive a good number in the Church soon and we ask all to pray for us that God will continue to bless us.

Services conducted by the writer,
M. E. Drake.

A CONTINUOUS VICTORY AT DAYTON, Ohio

Our church was set in order Sept. 13, 1925, from then until Jan. 19, 1926, twenty-nine have been saved, eight sanctified and twenty-one added to the Church without any revival meeting.

Jan. 19, we began a revival. Brother Wilson of Middletown, Ohio, was with us five nights and Sister Edwards from Toledo, Ohio, was with us thirteen nights. Seven were saved, twelve sanctified, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church.

Our District Convention began Feb. 4 and continued four days, Brother J. D. Wilson in charge. Large crowds attended the meetings; the glory and power of God was manifested; the saints danced, shouted, praised the Lord, talked in tongues and interpretations were given.

We are standing for all the truths of the Bible, including modest dress, no jewelry, nor bobbed hair; and all the other teachings of the Church of God.

We now have fifty-five members and perfect unity. Some one gets saved nearly every service. We do not discourage manifestations, we enjoy them. We teach an experience that will stand all the storms of life and keep the victory. 'Tis much better than noise without the victory.

Pray that we will be able to go on from victory unto victory until we become a full statue of a man in Christ Jesus.

B. D. Landon,
202 Cecil Court,
Dayton, Ohio.

The Wheat Is Ripe

I received a message from Monroe, La., to come at once as my mother was sick. I left Madison, Wis., Jan. 30 and arrived Feb. 2, found her much better. I want to ask each one to pray much for her, she has never received the baptism. Also pray for the dear ones at Madison, Wis., as the Lord has put that place on my heart.

After arriving home I heard the news of the hanging of the man who killed my dear husband and helper in the Master's work. I have asked God not to let them get the wrong one, and this man confessed that he did it but, was drunk. He said he had been forgiven and saved. The words that my husband said were, "Father forgive him," and God heard his prayer.

I am planning to be in Madison, Wis., some time this summer. I will be glad to get all the help I can, if they stand for the Church of God and feel that God is calling them in His work.

I was in a meeting where a man was saved and healed, and God showed him a wheat field which was ripe. Instead of it having wheat heads, it had human heads. So I have a picture of that field before me all the time. Pray for me.

Mrs. Omelia Shumaker,
B. 511, Monroe, La.

CHURCH AT WILMINGTON MOVING ON

The Lord is surely blessing us at this place. We have a good Sunday school at 100 West St. Brother Harris is our pastor. Brother Haynes called on me to preach Sunday and the Holy Ghost spoke through me. My message was on the Good Shepherd. We had a tarrying meeting and during the day one was sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. We want the readers of the Evangel to know that the church at Wilmington is moving on. Praise God.

S. Pardee, 302 Walnut St.,
Wilmington, Del.

SAINTS PRAISING GOD

KARBERS RIDE, Ill.—I want to sound a note of praise for our blessed Saviour for what He has done for us here at Honey Comb Rock, Ill. One Sunday, the writer brought the message on, "The Coming of Jesus," which seemed to be enjoyed by all who were present. Sunday night we had a very large crowd. It didn't seem to be any trouble for the saints to testify and tell of the love of Jesus.

I desire the prayers of all who read this that we may continue to be in the service of the Lord and at all times be ready to do His blessed will. I certainly do praise God for what He has done for me. I mean to go all the way with my blessed Saviour, regardless what the cost may be. Pray for me.—C. E. Johnson.

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